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Re: Application of: Guy CLAVAREAU et al.  
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For: METHOD FOR MAGNETRON SPUTTERING

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, applicant submits herewith an information disclosure citation which lists references of which the applicant is aware. A copy of each of the references is also submitted herewith.

An English translation of JP 3-271366 is not available at this time. However, an English-language abstract of this reference is submitted herewith. It is respectfully submitted that the relevance of this reference can be readily understood by referring to the drawings of the patent and corresponding English-language abstract provided.

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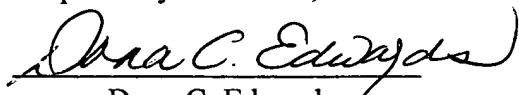
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Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner independently determine those items which the examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

Applicant respectfully requests that the references be considered and made of record.

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Respectfully submitted,

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